

CHINAMAN IS IN BIG SEA OF TROUBLE

Blackmailed by Another Chink, Official Charged With Smuggling Apparently Enroute to California.

Phoenix, Ariz., August 3.—The case of Hom Wo Chong, arrested in Prescott on the charge of being unlawfully in this country, was concluded yesterday before Commissioner Johnson, who will render a decision this afternoon. The decision, however, will not likely be the end of the matter for whatever it may be, an appeal will almost certainly be taken.

The case is one of unusual interest. The main thing to be determined is whether the defendant left the United States at any time after there had been a determination of his right to be here. The Chinese Six Companies who seldom take part in cases of this kind, have had an agent, On Gee, on the scene for weeks gathering information relating to the case. The interest of the Six Companies lies in the supposition that Hom Wo Chong, whatever his status may be, is the victim of a Chinese blackmailer who has been engaged as an informer to the inspection officials. The officials are not blamed with the shortcomings of the blackmailer; their employment of him as an informer is recognized as legitimate, and it is naturally assumed that they are not aware that he is preying upon his countrymen.

A Legal Resident. Hom Wo Chong at the time the exclusion act went into force, was a merchant and as such had a right to be in the country. He subsequently ceased to be a merchant and became a common laborer. He was arrested in 1903 and tried at Prescott before Judge Sloan. The charge against him was dismissed and his status at that time was legally settled.

It is charged though that he has since lost the rights secured to him then, by going back to China and returning to this country by way of Mexico. Hom Wo Chong says he has never been out of the country. He brought a great deal of testimony by persons living in Prescott, San Diego, San Francisco and Oakland covering his movements since 1902. There is a hiatus though, of several months, which the Chinaman himself fills in, but for that period he can bring no corroborating testimony. It is charged that he went to China on account of the death of his mother and returned in 1906. He is content for a part of that year by proof that he was at San Francisco at the time of the earthquake and took refuge in Oakland, when Chinatown was destroyed.

Testimony Not Accurate. One of the witnesses against him was a man by the name of Forney, brought here from Ensenada, Lower California, where he was employed as a stevedore. He said that he recognized Hom Wo Chong as a man he saw land at Ensenada last year. On cross examination he said that he had never seen the Chinaman before that his attention was not particularly attracted to him and that he had never seen him since.

Another witness was Bernard Manning in the United States immigration service, stationed at Matamoros. He had previously seen the Chinaman at San Diego and knew him well. He was at Ti Juana and saw Hom Wo Chong get out of the stage from Ensenada and spoke to him but the Chinaman did not recognize him. Mr. Manning was quite positive and created the impression that he meant to tell the truth, though on his cross examination he made a statement also doubtless honestly made, which was disproved by the records, and naturally left the accuracy of the rest of his testimony in doubt. Mr. Manning describing the circumstances of his acquaintance with Hom Wo Chong at San Diego, said that he knew him there in the summer of 1902. This acquaintance extended over the whole summer. Of that, Mr. Manning had not the slightest doubt. But the records show that the order dismissing the charge against Hom Wo Chong was made by Judge Sloan on July 22 of that year, and it was shown that the Chinaman had been in Prescott for some considerable period before that as well as after that.

Blackmail Escapes. The blackmailing feature naturally did not get into this case, but the Chinaman said that there was another Chinaman at Prescott who by the way, has supplied the inspection officials with a great deal of information regarding Chinese, that this Chinaman had come to him, twice and held him up, each time for \$100, representing that he had a pull with the government and that unless the money was paid Hom Wo Chong would be deported. Hom Wo Chong each time paid the money. Some time before his arrest the informer approached him again, this time demanding \$150; he told him that unless he paid him that sum he would be arrested and after serving three years in jail he would be sent back to China. Hom Wo Chong said that he did not have the money and could not get it. The informer called on him several times, with the same result. The last time he visited him while he was working as a Mayor. The informer went away saying that he would now be arrested and his arrest immediately followed.

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Territorial Topics

Tucson, Ariz., is going to hang up \$2,500 in cash purses for a big base ball tournament.

A baby show will be a feature of the Commercial club carnival at Lincoln park at Las Vegas August 15-17.

Kenna, N. M., will have a big barbecue celebration on August 22. Reduced rates on all railroads have been secured. Everybody is invited to attend. Speaking, base ball, races, etc. Remember the date.

Joe Mackey, alias Joe Dalton, stole a horse from Carlsbad last week and officers have just returned to that place after trailing him 200 miles across country. He finally abandoned the horse which was taken back to Carlsbad by the officers.

The breaks in the Arizona canal, caused by the floods coming down Cave creek Thursday, have all been mended to such a point as will permit all the water that is available being turned into the ditch.

The board of directors of the Commercial club at Las Vegas are planning for the holding of an outdoor fete in Lincoln park, August 15, 16 and 17, for the purpose of raising funds to redecorate the clubrooms and paying off the club indebtedness.

The San Juan County Teachers' institute will be held this year in Aztec, August 5 to 1. Dr. C. D. Smith, county superintendent of instruction, has received word that Dr. Garrison of the Las Vegas Normal school, will conduct the institute. Dr. Garrison is a noted educator and will give an institute of high standing.

While Archie Chisholm and Charlie Salazar were double jacking in the shaft now being sunk on the Baldwin property, located about twenty-five miles from Benson, Ariz., their drill struck a charge placed by the previous shift that had mislaid fire, causing an explosion, injuring both men. Salazar seriously.

Workmen has been busy the past ten days on the remodeling of the Y. M. C. A. bathrooms at Bibebe, Ariz. For changes metal being made and an entirely new plant is being installed. All the old showers and tubs have been taken out and the rooms will be refitted and rearranged. This is the first work that has been done on the many changes and additions that have been planned for the Y. M. C. A. building. The plans call for an addition 25x30 on the front of the building.

Articles of the following corporations have been filed in the office of the recorder at Phoenix: Searchlight Red Butte Mining company, capital stock \$1,000,000, incorporators Bascom A. Stephens, Charles E. Ballow; Gold Cord Gold Mining company, capital stock \$1,000,000, incorporators Thomas Marleneaux, Clyde E. Miller, A. J. Davis; Postal Stamping Machine company, capital stock \$100,000, incorporators Fred R. S. Dittmar, Ashley Woodson, Willard R. Rambo; Pontiac Mining and Milling

Jerome, Ariz., August 3.—The wideawake mining men keep a sharp watch upon the condition of the metal markets there can be no question. In any gathering of miners or investors in the Jerome district the probable trend of the copper metal market forms one of the most frequent topics of discussion, and some very close figuring is often done on the basis of price fluctuations amounting to but a quarter of a cent.

The one fact that always holds a prominent place in these calculations is that the average production cost for the red metal is around 10 cents per pound, so that substantial profits would still be assured to the producers even in the very improbable event of concessions to far below the present prices.

Meanwhile the Verde Grande Copper company and all other well known developing enterprises are pushing forward their operations at full speed, and an additional incentive in this work is found in the realization that the future course of metal prices is quite as likely to be upward and downward; even if in view of general conditions the probabilities do not look towards a decided uplift in the months immediately ahead.

HEAVY MACHINERY FOR CHEMUNG MINES

Silver City, N. M., August 3.—(Special).—During the past few days the Santa Fe has brought into this city several carloads of heavy hoisting machinery for the Chemung Copper company, which is operating extensively at Tyrone, in the Burro district. The work of getting this heavy machinery freighted overland to the mines was a hard job and W. A. Tenney, the freight contractor, has had his hands full in caring for the proposition.

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TITLES CLOUDED IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Cal., August 3.—San Francisco has just begun to take up in earnest the task of re-establishing her land titles, most of the records of which were wiped out in the great fire of 1906. The state supreme court recently confirmed the McEnerney act, passed by the legislature last January to facilitate the restoration of titles, and property owners are now making haste to have their properties safeguarded.

The emergency measure enacted by the state provides for a simple procedure in the courts to quiet title. The plaintiff brings suit against all the world and against all claimants that he knows of. Notice by publication and posting is given and then oral evidence and such records as are available are presented to the court. The title is established completely anew by the judgment.

The destruction of the city's realty records was virtually complete. Ninety per cent of the books in the recorder's office were consumed. Of the 2,000 volumes of mortgage records only one volume was saved. Of the thousands of volumes of deeds only a few miscellaneous wears were rescued.

THREE PRISONERS RELEASED FROM PEN

Santa Fe, N. M., August 3.—Three prisoners were discharged yesterday from the territorial penitentiary, having served out their terms of imprisonment, which were shortened by regular allowance for good behavior. Emiliano Jaramillo was one of the prisoners liberated. He had been convicted of murder in the second degree and given twenty years. He was sentenced from Socorro county. The others released were Lorenzo Sals from Socorro county, sent up for five years and Luis Martinez, from Torrance county, given six months and one day for assault with a deadly weapon.

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FUGITIVE TAKEN TO JAIL AT PHOENIX

Man, Who Stabbed His Wife to Get Rid of Her, Captured.

Phoenix, Ariz., August 3.—Antonio Palminio has been arrested and will be held to discuss matters with the authorities.

Antonio, it seems, several weeks ago decided that marriage was a failure and the best way to make one successful was to sever the marital relations. He was working on the Arizona canal at the time that his condition, and he concluded to wait on Madame Palminio and break the news to her. When he got home he told the woman that fate decreed that they must separate. Mrs. Palminio took rather kindly to the idea, but brought forward the proposition that Antonio pay the grocery bill. To this Antonio demurred and left home in a huff; he also left the grocery bill.

Wouldn't Pay Bills. But still the marriage relations weighed heavily on him, and Saturday night he returned home to bring matters to a final settlement. He informed Madame Palminio that he had been reading more literature about the failure of marriages; that he was still in doubt as to what Ella Wheeler Wilcox thought about it; but that the general trend of authorities indicated that when two married people got tired of wedlock the best thing was to sever the relation at once. The authorities seemed to differ as to the method of dissolution, but he was too poor to try the divorce court and he thought that he would take the next best plan.

Unique Divorce Method. With this, he reached down into his pocket, drew forth his knife and prepared to put an end to a further discussion of the matter. By this time Madame Palminio was on the move, but she did not move fast enough and Antonio succeeded in stabbing her in the breast. The only thing that saved the woman from death was a large rib that nature seems to have wisely provided for the occasion.

After the first blow the woman succeeded in getting away without being dangerously hurt, and Antonio made tracks for the construction camp on the Arizona canal. He was found there after a long and dreary search, and if the woman continues in her present mood the chances are that he will soon go down to Yuma to work for a very strong financial institution.

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